

## **LAFCO OF MODOC COUNTY**

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

June 9, 2009

**TO:** Local Agency Formation Commission

**FROM:** John Benoit, Executive Officer

**RE:** Final Budget for FY 2009-2010

Since the passage of AB-2838 in 2000, LAFCO has become independent from the County. Costs for the operation of LAFCO were entirely paid by the County including costs for staff time, legal services, miscellaneous office expenses, and insurance.

I provided a "recommended" budget at the April 2009 meeting, which was adopted. A Budget Justification Report was prepared for that Budget Hearing. Please refer the Budget Justification Report for information on each of the items below.

#### CARRY OVER FROM FY 2008-2009:

Carryover is proposed to be \$45,302.

#### CITY AND COUNTY COST SHARE:

The City and County Cost share is proposed to be \$20,712, which is slightly lower than the previous year.

#### SUMMARY OF EXPENSES:

Commissioner Stipends The Commission has budgeted \$4,800 for Commissioner and Alternate stipends. This includes six meeting per year. If Resolution 2009-0005 is approved, stipends will be paid for each Commissioner and Alternate who attends LAFCO meetings.

Insurance The Commission recommended in its proposed budget \$1,000.00 for that item to pay the County Auditor for LAFCO's share of County Insurance.

Office Supplies The Commission recommended in its proposed budget \$400.00 Depending upon LAFCO activity this could be augmented by an increased appropriation from unanticipated revenue.

Copies This amount is proposed to be \$1,500.00 to be used for general copying of reports and packets.

Communications This is proposed to be \$1,000.00 for general communications for phone, internet and fax.

Postage This is proposed to be \$600.00 for public notices and mailings.

Memberships

The Commission recommended in its proposed budget \$725.00 for

Calafco dues.

Legal Services

The Commission recommended in its proposed budget \$3,200.00 for this item. LAFCO Counsel attends LAFCO meetings as requested by the Commission. It is anticipated if budget augmentations are needed in this category, additional appropriation would come from unanticipated revenue.

Staff Services: Executive Officer and Clerk:

The Commission recommended in its proposed budget \$36,900 for these items. This translates into slightly more than \$3,000.00 per month for LAFCO administration/clerk services. Notwithstanding a very complex reorganization or incorporation project for Modoc LAFCO, this amount should cover LAFCO administration. Complex projects should be fee supported thereby increasing revenue to LAFCO. It is anticipated if budget augmentations are needed in this category, additional appropriation would come from unanticipated revenue.

Legal Notices/Publications

The Commission recommended in its proposed budget \$600.00 for legal notices. Given the cost of legal advertising and the projected workload this amount remains reasonable.

Transportation/Mileage/Training/Conferences

The Commission did not send anyone to the Calafco Conference last year. Staff is sent to the Staff Workshop and Annual Conference. Therefore, this year \$3,000.00 is the recommended budget for this item to provide enough funding for two attendees to attend the Calafco annual conference. This also includes a portion of the costs of the Calafco Annual Conference and Annual Staff Workshop for the Executive Officer.

Municipal Service Reviews/Sphere of Influence Updates

The Commission recommended in its proposed budget \$25,200.00 for this effort, which would cover additional costs of preparing Reviews/Sphere Updates as required by the LAFCO Act. This amount may not adequate to prepare all the reviews. Funds could be augmented from the Executive Officer Services category for this item, depending upon the work load. A significant cost of Sphere of Influence updates is mapping. It is expected MSR's and SOI's may take more than one year to complete.

**Recommendation:**

- a. Review, discuss, amend, and consider the 2009-2010 Final Budget. A budget justification report for FY 2009-2010 was prepared by staff for the adopted proposed budget in April 2009.
- b. Adopt LAFCO Resolution 2009-05 adopting a Final Budget.